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Question: Why are we tiering facilities in the national chemical sector?

Answer: Certain chemical facilities pose higher security risks than others due to the dynamic nature of the chemical industry, their processes, and other related factors. Rather than apply a one-size-fits-all regulatory program, the Department has established a risk-based approach that takes into account varying levels of consequence, vulnerability, and threat at the facility level. This approach allows the facilities to establish an appropriate set of security measures commensurate with risk levels. By establishing risk-based tiers, facilities are best able to match their level of risk to measures that coincide with that risk. The risk-based tiering structure also allows the Department to prioritize its efforts on the highest risk facilities.